Chandrayaan-I. The Chandrayaan-I projects has enthused the younger generation in the country towards planetary exploration and career in scientific research.

(c) The funds allocation for the Department of Space is based on the programmatic targets of space programme and hence is not comparable with the funds allocation of other departments/agencies.

Development of Kapil-Vastu as tourist spot

†2421. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Kapilvastu, the native place of Lord Buddha, is situated in the district Sidharth Nagar of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that excavation work carried out by the Archaeological Department has confirmed this fact;

(c) whether there is any proposal before the Government to develop this area as a tourist spot; and

(d) if so, by when it will be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Promotion and development of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them which are complete in all respects as per the Scheme Guidelines, *inter-se* priority and subject to availability of funds.

Ministry of Tourism had sanctioned a project in the 9th plan-Beautification and landscaping of Kapilvastu, Sidharth Nagar for Rs. 20.00 lakh to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh which has been completed.

Funds under UNDP for rural tourism in Rajasthan

2422. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of funds that have been sanctioned under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Rajasthan with regards to protection of rural tourism;

(b) the details of such sites/projects in Rajasthan; and

(c) what has been achieved so far and the future plans under UNDP assistance?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory

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